

- (1) A business plan with time lines, clearly defined outcomes, and an operational model including a governance structure, personnel, e-Rate reimbursement, support services to local school administrative units and schools, and a budget;
- (2) Assurances for a fair and open bidding and contracting process;
- (3) Technology assessment site survey template;
- (4) Documentation of technology assessments;
- (5) Documentation of how the technology will be used to enhance teaching and learning;
- (6) Documentation of how existing State-invested funds for technology are maximized to implement the School Connectivity Initiative; and
- (7) The number, location, and schedule of sites to be served in 2007-2008 and in 2008-2009.
- (8) Assurances that local school administrative units will upgrade internal networks in schools, provide technology tools, and support for teachers and students to use technology to improve teaching and learning.

SECTION 7.28.(c) Funds currently used for the services covered by these new funds shall not be supplanted by this additional funding and shall be used to support instructional technologies and local infrastructure in schools in support of acquisition and delivery of instructional technology resources to the classroom. Any refunds received for services paid with these technology funds shall return to the originating technology fund.

SECTION 7.28.(d) The State Board of Education shall report January 15, 2008, on its progress towards achieving the connectivity initiative and annually thereafter to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Office of State Budget and Management, the State Information Technology Officer, and the Fiscal Research Division.

SECTION 7.28.(e) As recommended in the E-Learning Report, February 2006, the Education Cabinet shall develop a plan to:

- (1) Coordinate E-learning activities across the public and private universities and colleges, the community colleges, and the public schools;
- (2) Establish a clear purpose and goals for the NCVirtual based on stakeholder needs and requirements;
- (3) Develop a strategic plan with measurable goals with reports provided to the Education Cabinet;
- (4) Develop, track, and report regularly to the Education Cabinet on appropriate accountability measures for those goals;
- (5) Develop and manage an E-learning portal for the NCVirtual; and
- (6) Use State-invested funds for E-learning to eliminate duplication of service.

SECTION 7.28.(f) Up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) may be transferred to the Office of the Governor to establish NCVirtual (NCV) within the Education Cabinet. These funds may be used for services to coordinate E-learning activities across all State educational agencies.

SECTION 7.28.(g) The Education Cabinet shall report on its progress towards developing the plan on January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology, the Joint Legislative